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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202  
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Sir:

Kindly consider and make of record the materials cited in the attached PTO Form 1449.

The materials were cited in an opposition brought against the corresponding Norwegian Patent 309,298, it being understood that reference was made to the portion of the materials showing the Tomra "Armor machines". Also attached to this Information Disclosure Statement is descriptive literature from the Tomra website showing one of the models referred to in connection with the "Armor machines".

The portion of the materials noted above shows a reverse vending machine in which the front cover may be swung aside for servicing (in the manner of a conventional vending machine). However, it does not appear to show a reverse vending machine that is operable with the front cover removed, as recited in the Amendment B and as noted in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Tomra products also do not appear to have the drain element recited in claim 1 and in detail in claims 2, 3, and 4.

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The material submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement is not believed to alter the patentability of the claimed subject matter.

Reissuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

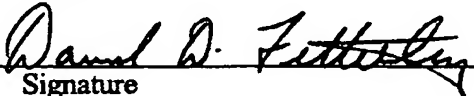
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